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SUBJ: NEED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ENSURE ADEQUATE
PROTECTION OF TITLE II COMMODITIES AT ROSSO

REF: A) STATE 140883; B) NOUAKCHOTT 855

1. THE IMMEDIATE PROTECTION OF SACKS CONTAINING TITLE II
SORGHUM NOW IN OPEN STORAGE AT ROSSO, VIA PROFESSIONAL
COVERAGE WITH TARPAULINS ALREADY DELIVERED TO ROSSO, IS A
MATTER OF CONSIDERABLE URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE.

2. THE SCHOOL CLASSES WHICH HAVE NOW RECESSED AT ROSSO
PRESENT AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR STORAGE OF SOME
4,500 TO 5,000 M.T. OF GRAIN, PARTICULARLY CORN. FFPO HAS
ASKED USEMB NOUAKCHOTT TO URGE GIRM'S MIN. HEALTH TO MOVE
EXPEDITIOUSLY TO TRANSPORT LATTER COMMODITY, OF WHICH
APPROX. 3,000 M.T. REMAIN AT ROSSO, TO STORAGE IN VACATED
CLASSROOMS THERE, AND IS AWAITING CONFIRMATION THAT MOVEMENT
HAS IN FACT BEGUN.

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3. EVEN WHEN THIS HAS BEEN EFFECTED, HOWEVER, THERE WILL STILL

REMAIN APPROXIMATELY TEN THOUSAND M.T. SORGHUM (MUCH OF IT NOW IN PROCESS OF RECONSTITUTION IN JUTE SACKS REPLACING THOSE POLYPROPYLENE BAGS WHICH DISINTERGRATED UNDER PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO ULTRA-VIOLET RAYS) REQUIRING PROFESSIONAL COVERAGE WITH TARPAULINS ALREADY PROVIDED BY AID.

4. IN RECENT WEEKS, DUE TO SAND-STORM IN AREA, AND PORT GLUTTER AT NOUAKCHOTT CREATED BY COMMODITIES WHICH CONTINUE TO ARRIVE BY THE SHIP-LOAD, CAUSING GRIM TO CONCENTRATE MAJOR PORTION OF ITS TRANSPORT EFFECTIVES ON EVACUATION EFFORT, QUANTITY OF COMMODITIES ARRIVING ROSSO HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER THAN QUANTITY LEAVING ROSSO FOR INLAND DESTINATIONS. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS, THE STOCKS WHICH HAVE ACCUMULATED, DUE APPROACHING RAINY SEASON, REQUIRE PROFESSIONAL COVERAGE TO EXTENT THAT SUCH COVERAGE IS POSSIBLE.

5. RDO/DAKAR HELD MEETING JULY 2 WITH SOCIETE COMMERCIALE DE TRANSPORTS TRANSATLANTIQUES (S.C.T.T.) OFFICIALS WHO HAVE PROMISED TO SUBMIT BID BY JULY 4 FOR RE-STACKING OF BAGGED GRAIN AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE WITH TARPAULIN BY AN EXPERIENCED CREW UNDER QUALIFIED SUPERVISION. DESPITE CONTRACT GIRM HAS WITH ROSSO FREIGHT FORWARDER SOMACAT MENTIONED REFTEL (B) WE FEEL THAT ORGANIZATION NOT CAPABLE TO DO THE JOB AND GIRM WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL MORE EXPERIENCED HELP TO CARRY OUT THIS URGENT OPERATION. S.C.T.T. HAS OFFICES IN NOUAKCHOTT AND ROSSO.

6. UPON BEING APPRAISED FUNDING ESTIMATES, WILL ADVISE, AND REQUEST AID/W IMMEDIATE CABLE REPLY IN ORDER BEGIN WORK EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME WHEN BID SUBMITTED.

7. REFTEL B ALSO AGREES JOB IS OF HIGHEST PRIORITY AND SHOULD BE FUNDED FROM NOUAKCHOTT TRANSPORT/STORAGE/RR FUNDS, HOWEVER DUE URGENCY FOR WORK TO BEGIN REQUEST AUTHORITY CONCLUDE AGREEMENT WITH S.C.T.T.
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